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SUBJ: WEEKLY REPORT

1. DURING PAST WEEK PRESS ATTENTION MAINLY FOCUSED ON CAMPAIGNING FOR MAY 2 GENERAL ELECTIONS, WHICH OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FEBRUARY 24. CORRUPTION ISSUES CONTINUED TO BE AIRED IN NEWSPAPERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITEMS ON UP-COMING ELECTIONS. KOPKAMTIB COMMANDER PUBLICLY REFERRED TO SPATE OF ARTICLES CRITICAL OF INDONESIA IN WESTERN, MOSTLY AMERICAN, PRESS AS "SUBVERSION," AND INCLUDED ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THIS CATEGORY.

2. MEETING FOR FOREIGN JOURNALIST, INDONESIAN REPS OF FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES AND PUBLICATIONS, AND FOREIGN PRESS ATTACHES WAS HELD FEBRUARY 23 AT MINISTRY INFORMATION TO ANNOUNCE RULES FOR ELECTION COVERAGE BY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. ALTHOUGH RULES PUBLISHED WERE VAGUE IN THEIR WORDING, IT WAS CLEAR THAT NO JOURNALIST COULD TRAVEL TO PROVINCIAL AREAS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF MINISTRY

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INFORMATION, AND JOURNALISTS MUST REPORT TO PROVINCIAL INFORMATION OFFICERS UPON ARRIVING IN A SPECIFIC AREA. JOURNALISTS ARE ALSO PROHIBITED FROM "SLANDERING, INSULTING OR OFFENDING THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS OFFICIALS" AND FROM "CONDUCTING OTHER ACTS WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO THE ETHICS/NORMS OF PANCASILA."

3. TO SUPPORT VOA'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY, PSOT SUCCEEDED IN

LOCATING A MAN IN BALI WHO WAS INVOLVED IN FIRST
INDONESIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTING FROM U.S. UNDER OWI.
TWENTY-FIVE MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH IMAM PAMOEDJO DESCRIBED
BY IBS AS EXCELLENT AND VALUABLE. ADDITIONAL INTERVIEW WITH
FORMER VICE AIR MARSHAL SOEDJONO, BROADCASTER WITH VOA ABOUT
1942, AND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR, RRI ALSO SENT
TO VOA.

4. INAUGURATION VTR HAS BECOME POST'S MOST REQUESTED AND
POPULAR VTR. IN ADDITION MANY PREVIOUS SCREENINGS, IT WAS
SHOWN TO 59 GOI OFFICIALS AND 47 MEMBERS OF AMCHAM ON FEB. 22.

5. IN EFFORT TO EXTEND SHOWINGS OF CLASSICAL FILMS, POST HAS
BEEN EXPERIMENTING IN INVITED SHOWINGS AT USIS STUDIO ON FRIDAY
AFTERNOONS. TWO SHOWINGS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH THEIR SCHEDULED
FOR FEBRUARY 25. ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN ABOUT 50-60 PERSONS AND
HAS INCLUDED REPS OF FOREIGN OFFICE, COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
OF ECONOMICS FACULTY OF UNIVERSITY INDONESIA, SINAMATEK FILE
CENTER, FILM SECTION OF JAKARTA INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND
EDITORIAL BOARD "PRISMA" MAGAZINE.

6. "TODAY'S AMERICA" PHOTO EXHIBIT SHOWN AT BNC JAKARTA TEN
DAYS, FEBRUARY 4-14. AT EXHIBIT, TWO VTRS, "TODAY'S AMERICA--
WATTS WITH MCLEISH" AND "TODAY'S AMERICA--WATTENBERG WITH
CARPENTER," VIEWED BY 300 PERSONS. ABOUT 1200 VIEWED EXHIBIT
AND WERE GIVEN "AMERICA IN PICTURES" AND "AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL"
PAMPHLETS.

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